

# Lincoln MPO Technical Committee Briefing

October 20, 2005

## MPO's Transportation Planning Process



- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires an update to the LRTP every 5 years – approved update needed by June 2007
- LRTP is in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan
- Transportation plan needs minimum 20 year horizon

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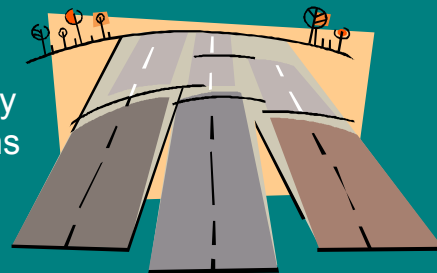
# What are the development assumptions?

## 2005 to 2030 Projected Additional Development

Population	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
115,000 more persons in Lincoln	53,000 dwelling units	30 million square feet of occupied space	1,700 acres

# What is the purpose of the Future Service Limit?

- Important first step – determining the future service limit
- Three futures provided a way of evaluating different options
- Gained input on the type of future, direction and growth choices the community desires
- Provided menu of selections based on strengths and weaknesses of different

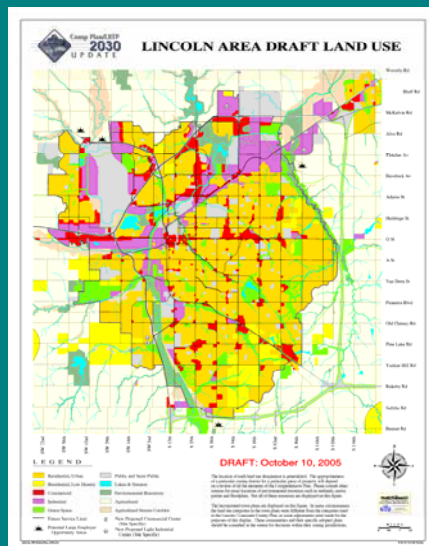


# Selected Future Service Limit

PC approved on  
Sept. 28, 2005

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# Future Staff Recommended Land Use



**PC Hearing  
scheduled for  
October 26, 2005**

## Needed discussions for 2030 Comp Plan/LRTP?

- Start with current 2025 Comp Plan/LRTP
- Significant gap between identified projects and funds to serve 2025 plan
- Plans to complete Antelope Valley and South & East Beltways within time period
- Transportation modeling to be used for review of alternatives
- Upcoming steps will look at transportation network and alternatives in more detail



## Proposed Public Notification and Involvement Efforts

- Planning Commission
- Technical Committee
- Public Meetings
- Web Site
- Newsletters
- Additional Outreach Efforts
  - To be discussed at next Tech. Comm. meeting on Nov. 17



## Proposed Subcommittee of Technical Committee

- **Purpose and Charge**

- Work on details of 2030 LRTP
- Report findings back to Planning Commission and Tech Committee



- **Range of Transportation Topics to be Reviewed**

- All sections of existing transportation plan to be reviewed

## Proposed Subcommittee of Technical Committee

- **Membership**

- Terry Genrich-City Parks and Rec
- Doug Pillard-Lancaster County Engineer's Office
- Brian Praeuner-StarTran
- Ron Kratzer-LES
- David Cary-City/County Planning
- Randy Hoskins, Virendra Singh, and Dennis Bartels-City Engineering Services
- Rick Thorson-City/County Health Department
- Steve Burnham and John Perry-FHWA
- Mark Bechtel-FTA
- Steve McBeth and Randy Peters-NDOR



## Next Steps: Future Land Use Direction

- **Planning Commission**
  - Public hearing and give direction on single Future Land Use
  - Wednesday, October 26
- **Super Common**
  - Planning Commission, Mayor, City Council and County Board on Land Use direction
  - Tuesday, November 1



## Looking ahead: Tentative schedule

- **Subcommittee of Technical Committee**
  - Initial meeting (to be scheduled)
  - Review range of transportation topics to be studied
- **Technical Committee**
  - Thursday, November 17
  - Calibrated and validated transportation model
  - More detailed discussion on LRTP update process
- **Planning Commission**
  - Wednesday, December 7
  - Briefing of LRTP update process



## Comp Plan/LRTP Update Schedule

Task Descriptions	2005								2006											
	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
1 Process & Assumption Validation																				
2 Develop 3 Future Service Scenarios																				
3 Adopt Future Service Limit & Land Use Plan																				
4 Plan Elements and Transportation Plan Evaluation																				
5 Plan Review and Planning Commission Adoption																				
6 Final City Council & County Board Adoption																				

## The MPO Transportation Planning Process

- Shall include a Proactive PI process that:
  - Provides Complete Information
  - Timely Public Notice
  - Full Public Access to Key Decisions
  - Supports Early and Continuing Involvement in developing Plans and TIPs



# PI Process Requirements

Federal- 23CFR 450.316b(1)

- Minimum Public comment period of forty five days before the PI process is initially adopted or revised.
- Provide timely information about Transportation issues and process to all interested parties and segments of the community affected by the transportation plans, programs and projects.

## Requirements (continued)

- Provide reasonable public access to technical and policy information used in the development of the Plan and TIPs.
- Provide open public meetings where matters related to the Federal-Aid Highway and Transit programs are being considered.
- Provide adequate public notice of PI activities and time for public review and comment at key decision points, including, but not limited to, approval of the plans and TIPs.

## Requirements (continued)

- Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input received during the planning and program development process.
- Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, **including but not limited to low-income and minority households.**

## Requirements (continued)

- When significant written and oral comments are received on the draft transportation plan or TIP, a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of the comments shall be made a part of the final plan and TIP.
- If the final transportation plan or TIP differs significantly from the one which was made available for public comment by the MPO, **an additional opportunity shall be provided for public comment on the revised plan or TIP.**

## Requirements (continued)

- The PI process shall be reviewed periodically by the MPO in terms of its effectiveness in assuring that the process provides full and open access to all.
- These procedures will be reviewed by the FHWA and the FTA during certification reviews for TMAs, and as otherwise necessary for all MPOs, to assure that full and open access is provided to MPO decision-making processes.
- MPO - PI process shall be coordinated with Statewide PI process wherever possible to enhance public consideration of the issues, plans, and programs and reduce redundancies and costs.

## Public Involvement Opportunities



## Public Involvement Process – Primary Applications

- City-County Comprehensive Plan, including the Long Range Transportation Plan.
- City-County Capital Improvement and Transportation Improvement Programs.

## Public Participation- Applications Continued

- Project Initiation & Design.
- Project Construction.
- Major Transportation Investments.
- Sub-Area Planning.
- Land Use Changes – Annexations, affecting Transportation Facilities.
- Traditionally underserved populations by existing & future Transportation System.

## Public Involvement - those traditionally underserved by the Transportation System

Lincoln MPO uses the following avenues for contacting and engaging the minority population:

- Community Centers
- Ethnic Retail / Grocery Stores
- Places of Worship
- Schools, Colleges and Universities

## Ethnic Population Statistics in Lincoln

Year 2000 US Census data indicates:

- Total population = 210,329 persons

- Ethnic population where a language other than English is spoken = 19,527 persons or 9.3%

Linguistically Isolated Household = 2,233

- Spanish Language = 678 HH.

- Other Indo-European Languages = 632 HH

- Asian & Pacific Island Languages = 735 HH.

- Other Languages = 188 HH.

## Lincoln's Ethnic Population Groups

- Top four in descending order by the number of persons speaking the language:
  - SPANISH
  - VIETNAMESE
  - RUSSIAN
  - ARABIC

## Methods of Public Involvement

- Providing Meeting Notifications via websites, local news papers and local media.
- Creating Citizen Advisory Committees.
- Publishing newsletters and brochures.
- Providing a summary, analysis and report of significant public input.
- Providing comment cards/boxes at public libraries.

## Methods of PIP (continued)

- Using surveys to measure public opinion.
- Using website as a forum for draft and final documents.
- Holding open houses, workshops and focus groups.
- Providing meeting notices, agendas, newsletters and brochures in major languages other than English.
- Providing bilingual interpreters at meetings and open houses.

## How is the Public informed Today

- State law and the City Charter require a formal and detailed public hearing process.  
This process includes:
  1. Formal public legal notice
  2. Formal public hearings by
    - a). the City-County Planning Commission.
    - b). Lincoln City Council
    - c). Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.
  3. Meeting notices are published as legal notices in
    - a). The local news paper.
    - b). Planning Commission, City Council, and County Commissioner's meeting agendas are published in the local news paper.

## How is the Public informed – cont.

4. Comprehensive plan amendments are typical major news events which attract the widespread attention of the:
  - a). Local and Regional Television Stations
  - b). Local and Regional Radio Stations
  - c). Local and Regional News papers
5. All hearings of the Planning Commission, City Council and County Board are televised live on local television system and all meetings, subject to the open meeting law, are open to the public.
6. Major updates of the Comprehensive Plan utilizing other means of public participation include:
  - a). Neighborhood and community meetings
  - b). Special television productions
  - c). Voice mail system (441-PLAN) Records of meetings are available for public inspection.

## How is the Public informed – cont.

7. The MPO Technical Committee reviews and comments on the transportation element of the plan prior to the close of the Planning Commission Public Hearing. The Technical Committee does not conduct Public Hearings, however, its meetings, records and actions are open and available to the public inspection. Technical documents, including the "Transportation Technical Report," are published and available to the public.
8. The MPO Officials Committee reviews and approves the transportation element of the plan after it is accepted by the City and County legislative bodies. The Officials Committee does not conduct public hearings, however, its meetings, records and actions are available to the public.



## Lincoln MPO's Transportation Plan

- The Long Range Transportation Plan is updated every five (5) years. The Plan addresses a minimum period of twenty (20) years.
- The Plan address the following ten (10) categories:
  - Pedestrians
  - Bicycles & Trails
  - Public Transportation
  - Streets & Highways (Urban & County)
  - Financial Analysis
  - Intelligent Transportation Systems
  - System Management Strategies
  - Railroads
  - Airports & Airfields
  - Goods & Freight Movement

## How can the public get more information?



- Visit the website at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: cplrtp)



- Call the Public Works & Utilities Department at 441-7711 or the Planning Department at 441-7491.

Year 2010  
Long Range Transportation Plan  
Steering Committee

The following individuals of the Federal, State, County and City Agencies will serve as members of the Project Steering Committee for the 2010 Long Range Transportation Plan:

1. David Cary - C/C Planning Dept.
2. Terry Gemrich - City Parks Dept.
3. Ron Kratzer - Lincoln Electric System Planning
4. Doug Pillard - Lancaster County Engineering Dept.
5. Steve McBeth and Randy Peters - NDOR Planning, Traffic Engineering & ITS.
6. Steve Durham and John Perry - FHWA Planning, Safety Engineering & ITS.
7. Dennis Bartels - Engineering Services (incl. Water, Watershed & Wastewater)
8. Rick Thorson - Health Dept.(Environmental Impacts)
9. Brian Praesner - Star Tran / Transit Planning.
10. Mark Bechtel - FTA Community Planner
11. Randy Hoskins and Virendra Singh - Engineering Services.  
Project Management/Coordination. Including Airport Facility, Commercial Veho., ITS & TransCad Model.

NOTE: This Steering Committee is intended to be a Sub-committee of the MPO Technical Committee.

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